

SENATE WATCH

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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 482 (Kuipers) SB 761 (Kuipers)

<u>Senate Bill 482</u> clarifies that a "qualified provider" for purposes of contracting for energy conservation improvement is an individual or business that is experienced in performing design, analysis, and installation of energy conservation improvements and facility management services.

• SB 482 passed [RC 491: 36 yes, 1 no (Patterson)].

<u>Senate Bill</u> 761 allows that a licensed architect or professional engineer may provide service for energy and conservation improvements and services even if he or she is affiliated with the qualified provider of the services.

• SB 761 passed [RC 492: 32 yes, 6 no].

SB 648 (Patterson)

Senate Bill 648 would require inspections for contamination of premises used as illegal drug labs. In light of the increase in criminal activity involving the illegal use and making of methamphetamine, this bill is necessary to provide a protocol for cleaning-up illegal drug labs.

Support: MI State Police, MI Sheriff's Association and the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan.

- Cropsey 1 (5 amends) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 648 passed [RC 495: 38 yes, 0 no].

SB 649 (Birkholz) SB 698 (Bishop)

Support: MI State Police, MI Sheriff's Association and the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan.

<u>Senate Bill 649</u> would increase the penalties for operating or maintaining a controlled substance laboratory involving the manufacturing of methamphetamine from a 10-year felony to a 20-year felony with a fine of \$25,000.

• SB 649 passed [RC 496: 37 yes, 1 no].

Senate Bill 698 would add the penalties created in SB 649 to the state's sentencing guidelines.

• SB 698 passed [RC 500: 37 yes, 1 no].

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SB 650 (Cropsey)
SB 651 (Sanborn)
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Support: MI State Police, MI Sheriff's Association and the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan.

Senate Bill 650 would create criminal penalties for the possession of more than 12 grams of pseudoephedrine. This would add pseudoephedrine to the current penalties involving the illegal possession of ephedrine. Penalty for violating this provision resulting would be a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to 2 years and/or a \$2,000 fine. Since pseudoephedrine has the same negative effects as ephedrine, this bill is necessary to provide the same criminal penalties for the possession of excessive amounts of psuedoephedrine as the law currently provides for ephedrine.

• SB 650 passed [RC 497: 38 yes, 0 no].

<u>Senate Bill 651</u> would add the penalties created in SB 650 to the state's sentencing guidelines.

• SB 651 passed [RC 498: 38 yes, 0 no].

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SB 652 (Jelinek)
SB 777 (George)
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Support: MI State Police, MI Sheriff's Association and the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan.

<u>Senate Bill 652</u> would create criminal penalties for transporting anhydrous ammonia in any container not approved by law, and for unlawfully tampering with a container approved by law. Penalty for violating this provision resulting would be a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to 4 years and/or a \$5,000 fine.

• SB 652 passed [RC 499: 38 yes, 0 no].

Senate Bill 777 would add the penalties created in SB 652 to the state's sentencing guidelines.

- Cropsey 1 (1 amend) was adopted on 3rd Reading [no RC]. Effective date: 1/31/04.
- SB 777 passed [RC 494: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4211 (Caswell)

A simple bill to allow a city or township to adopt a resolution to allow alternative dates for the property tax board of review to meet. Current law mandates that the meeting occur "on the second Monday in March." The bill also allows a locality to adopt a meeting date of the Tuesday or Wednesday after the second Monday in March. This problem particularly affects rural areas. Support: Treasury supported in the House, Mi. Townships Assoc., Mi. Assessors supported the concept of the bill.

- Patterson 1 (1 amend) was withdrawn (on 3rd Reading).
- HB 4211 passed with IE [RC 490: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4386 (Shulman)

Capitol Outlay budget

HB 4386, capital outlay budget, provides funds for planning and execution of new building construction and renovation as well as maintenance of existing state-owned structures. HB 4386 contains the most bare-bones Capital Outlay Budget put before the Legislature in years, reducing the total budget more than \$67 million from 2003, (10.5%) and more than \$24 million less than the Executive recommendation.

- Patterson 1 was adopted on 3rd Reading [no RC]. No money could be used to expand either the Scott or Western Wayne Correctional facilities.
- HB 4386 passed with IE [RC 493: 38 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 667 (Allen)

The bill would amend the Mental Health Code to provide that, if a CMH board represented five or more counties with disproportionate populations, the number of board members could be expanded to more than 12 to ensure that each county was entitled to at least two board memberships.

Support: Mi. Assoc. of Counties, Northern Lakes CMH, Dept. of Community Health.

• SB 667 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

SB 687 (Bishop)

If a vacancy occurs in the office of county executive for any reason, the chief deputy shall assume the duties. If the chief deputy is unable to serve, the next highest chief deputy shall assume the duties. In the case of death or resignation of the county executive, the county board of commissioners may appoint another county executive within 30 days. Election of a new county executive shall take place at the next general election. [This only affects Oakland and Bay Counties.]

- Bishop 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 687 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 770 (Cropsey)

This bill is designed to reduce the tax avoidance that is occurring because businesses are not filing 1099s with the Federal government or are filing them but with inaccurate information, or because taxpayers are not declaring 1099 income on their Michigan income tax return. Senate Bill 770 requires that any person who has to file a Form 1099 with the Federal government must also file it with the state.

Support: Building Trades Council.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Cropsey 2 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 770 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4311 (Meyer)

HB 4311 would create a voluntary insurance fund paid for with farmers' money which would protect them in the case of a failure.

Support: Michigan Department of Agriculture, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Agribusiness Association.

- Committee 1 (S-3) was adopted [no RC].
 HB 4311 was moved to 3rd Reading.